

DETAILED AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMSIn the Specification

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Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 26 to 28 as follows:

Figures 5 through [7A] 8A, in combination, show an alternative piercing die assembly of the present invention;

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, lines 11 to 16 as follows:

Figures 3C through 3E show an alternative embodiment of a cutting blade of a piercing element 30'. More particularly, these Figures show a cylindrical blade 34' having angled surfaces 36' that form cutting or piercing edge 38'. The angled surface 36' is preferably arcuate.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 14 and 18 as follows: